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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

She'll be missed

Lauren "Laurie" Gourley began her career with Hanford Patrol, where she played a vital role for 27 years protecting life and property on the Hanford Site in the Safeguards and Security Department. In the mid '80s, Hanford Patrol opened the Central Badging Office, where she was instrumental in making the CBO one of the highest-rated access control operations.

Laurie was looking forward to her retirement when the Lord called her home on Dec. 24th.

Laurie will be fondly remembered by all whose hearts she touched. We will miss her contagious laughter and smile, which could brighten the worst of days, but most of all we will miss Laurie.

As we share the stories and the memories of how she lived her life and how very much she meant, may we find comfort. Throughout this difficult time, may we also remember the friendship and love she gave us.

Ruth Holesworth

Rena McKenzie

Bernadine Nelson

Steve Owens

Yolanda Sanchez

Day & Zimmermann

Protection Technology Hanford



Gourley

Slippery spills

Remember, what you do can affect the safety of your fellow employees and your own safety at work and at home.

I wrote a letter about dish soap containers ("Consolidate, recycle," *Hanford Reach*, Jan. 7). Now another subject comes to mind — conservation and the safe use of the dish soap.

Always remember to close the container of dish soap when you are through using it. If an open bottle is knocked over and spills on the counter and on the floor, someone could slip on the soap. Be safe and close the dish soap bottle after you have used it.

Mike Walter

CH2M HILL Hanford Group

Total agreement

Three cheers for Lloyd Gardner's message in the *Hanford Reach*, Jan. 7, "Hop-scotch hazards."

I for one no longer drive the full length of Highway 240. Living on the back side of Benton City, this would be the most feasible route for me to get to work at the HAMMER Facility, but after being run off the road three times this last year (twice the year before), I have decided that it's worth the long route through West Richland. And, although I am still on the lower half of Highway 240, I have a shorter distance to drive, and I feel my chances of getting to work safely are a little better.

Of the three times I was run off the road (believe me, gravel is not your friend), in two of the incidents the vehicle was not able to get back into the line of cars before passing me. I'm glad I didn't assume that they would, or I probably would not be alive today.

Since you idiot drivers (you know who you are) have no consideration for your own life, how about the lives of others? I have a family that needs me as, I'm sure, do many other drivers you endanger with your careless passing.

As Gardner wrote, leave earlier if you must drive that fast or are worried about being late. Or, here's a better idea — carpool — at least that would be one less idiot we would have to worry about on the road!

Cathy Slape

Fluor Hanford

Needs an overpass

I travel Highway 240 from the Tri-Cities to the Rattlesnake Barricade ("Dangerous intersection," *Hanford Reach*, Jan. 14), and I agree that the intersection with Highway 225 is extremely dangerous at rush hour.

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However, I hesitate to recommend a stoplight there because I foresee long lines of cars in both directions. If you have ever seen the red-light runners in town, then get ready for the red-light streakers on Highway 240!

That intersection needs an overpass with on- and off-ramps. Expensive? Yes, but I fear that anything less will simply shift the cause of the inevitable fatalities. Those who say that we cannot afford this needed improvement should reserve a front row seat at the funerals to come.

Stephen Garinger
CH2M HILL Hanford Group

A suggestion

Here's a suggestion as to what we can do to help out law enforcement regarding the dangerous driving that we are observing on our daily commute.

Note the location, date and time of the occurrence, license number and description of the vehicle, and what you observed. Don't do dangerous acts in the process of trying to record this information. Commit it to memory until it's safe for you to write it down.

Send the information via e-mail to *Benton County Sheriffs Office and ^Patrol Operations Center.

I have the feeling that, given the input from other drivers, especially with corroborating reports, our frequent offenders will be getting some personal attention from our law enforcement folks.

Dave Gerkenmeyer
Fluor Hanford

CLASSES



Microsoft Windows 2000 class at HAMMER

The course, "Implementing Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional and Server," will be offered from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 11 to 14 in room 10 of the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Bechtel National is sponsoring this class. Staff members from New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Spokane will be teaching it. The class is a Microsoft-authorized instructor-led class taught by Microsoft certified trainers using Microsoft official courseware. Enrollment is limited to 12 students, and the cost is \$1,695.

Register by calling Brian Coriell at (800) 801-0355, ext. 214, or send an e-mail message to BrianC@nhspokane.com.

Confined space Trainer course Feb. 19-21

The new Advanced Safety Training Mastery Series Confined Space Train-the-Trainer program will be offered Feb. 19 to 21 by D2000 Safety Solutions at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Visit www.d2000ss.com for additional information and to register on-line, or call (800) 551-8763.

Electrical journeyman's course available

The "National Electrical Code Update for 2002" initial schedule dates are Feb. 12 and 19 and March 14. This course is for electricians, electrical supervisors and others who maintain a Washington state electrical journeyman's license. The course content satisfies the statutory requirement for eight hours of continuing education. The class also supports individuals who need to keep current on requirements of the National Electrical Code. The course costs \$250 per student and will be held at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To register for any of these dates, contact Libby Sickler at 376-7117.

SBDC offers classes for entrepreneurs

The Small Business Development Center offers classes for entrepreneurs, business owners and managers. Unless otherwise noted, the following classes run from 6 to 9 p.m. at Tri-City Industrial Development Council, 901 N. Colorado, Kennewick. The cost is \$30 per class.

- **Tax Responsibilities** – Jan. 29 or March 28. Instructor: IRS representative.
- **Quickbooks and Payroll for Entrepreneurs** – Jan. 31 or March 19. Instructor: Erica Shockley.
- **Cash Management** – Feb. 2 or March 26. Instructor: Glynn Lamberson.
- **Marketing Your Business** – Feb. 7 or March 31. Instructor: Melanie Jones.

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- **Assess Your Business Idea** – Feb. 12. Instructor: Bill Henderson.
- **Create a Business Plan** – Feb. 13 or March 7. Instructor: Adele Haar.
- **The ABCs of Business Start-ups** – Feb. 19. Instructor: Debbie Bone-Harris.
- **Patents: A Working Knowledge for Business Decisions** – Feb. 21. Instructor: Joseph Megy.
- **Excellent Customer Service** – Feb. 26. Instructor: Danette Layne.
- **The Anatomy of a Grant** – March 5. Instructor: Lisa Toomey.
- **Analyze your Market** – March 12. Instructor: Melanie Jones.
- **Record and Bookkeeping** – March 14. Instructor: Ellen Bowman-Fairbanks.

“Computers Can Help Manage Your Business” is a series of classes offered from 6 to 9:30 p.m at CBC. The cost for each class listed below is \$30. The instructor is Carel Landes.

- **Internet Searching Skills for Business Research** – Feb. 12
- **Marketing your business on the Internet** – Feb. 19
- **Spreadsheets** – Feb. 26
- **Creating a Newsletter, Flyer or Pamphlet** – March 13

To register for any of the classes listed, call the Small Business Development Center at 735-6222. ♦



NEWSBRIEFS

PTB transfer approved for Rieger

James Rieger, an electrician assigned to Hanford Site Operations, Central Services South, has been approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. Rieger needs to be with his wife who is battling cancer. Any Fluor Project Hanford team employee who would like to transfer PTB hours to Rieger may do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (Site Form A-6002-807) and sending it to Curt Larsen at S0-08. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments.

Openings available at child care center

The Learning Landscape Child Care Center, federally sponsored by the Department of Energy, currently has three openings in the infant room. The tuition rate is \$149 a week. Please contact Sharon at 946-4609 to enroll or obtain more information about the center. The center offers an educational curriculum for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Bonneville head named

Department of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham has appointed Steve Wright as administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration. BPA is a federal agency that markets Northwest wholesale electrical power.

Wright has been with the agency for 21 years, beginning in the agency's conservation department. He has served as acting administrator since November 2000, following the departure of Judi Johansen. Wright's tenure has spanned some of the region's biggest energy challenges—including a West Coast energy crisis and the second worst drought recorded in Pacific Northwest history.

Wright holds a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Oregon and a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Central Michigan University. He is 44 years old.

DeLozier to speak at February meeting

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers will feature a presentation by Fran DeLozier on “Hazardous Waste Management Challenges at the Hanford Tank Farms” on Feb. 5. DeLozier is senior operations vice president of CH2M HILL's Nuclear Systems and Services Business Unit.

The presentation at the Battelle Auditorium will start at 7 p.m., and a chapter business meeting will begin at 8. The presentation is free and open to the public. ♦

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SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

Feb. 8 7-11 a.m. Sound Safety

200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

Feb. 7 7 a.m.-noon Sound Safety

200 West Area

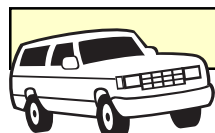
parking lot east of MO-281

Feb. 7 noon-4 p.m. Sound Safety



Tingstad and Rumble perform Feb. 9

The popular contemporary acoustic duo of Eric Tingstad (guitar) and Nancy Rumbel (woodwinds) returns to Battelle Auditorium for a performance on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the ETB reception desk, and at the Book Place and the Octopus' Garden in Richland, JD's Time Center in Kennewick and the CBC Bookstore in Pasco. The concert is sponsored by the Arts Council of the Mid-Columbia Region in cooperation with the Battelle Staff Association. For more information, visit www.pnl.gov/BSA/ting.htm or contact Andy Plymale at 376-8506 or at plymale@pnl.gov. ♦



VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be re-submitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 111 leaves Kennewick Albertson's parking lot at 6 a.m. and Chief Joseph Middle School in Richland at 6:15 a.m. Stops at 222-S, PFP and the Fab Shop area. Ridership limited. Contact **Leann Spurlock** by e-mail or at 376-8703. 1/28

8x9s vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Picks up at Kennewick Albertson's and Federal Building in Richland. Stops in front of 2750 and 2704-HV. Contact **John** at 373-1207. 1/21

PASCO

New vanpool forming. 8x9s, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Picks up in Pasco and Richland. Drops off in 100K. Contact Ben Franklin Transit Vanpool or **Bob** at 372-3840 (work) or 547-6034 (home). 1/28

RICHLAND

Riders and backup drivers needed for 8x9s shift (7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Seek comfort with a maximum of nine to 10 riders and a driver. Van will start at the Park 'n Ride on Van Giesen. Stops at 222-S, WSCF, 200W Powerhouse area (MO-278 and MO-279) and 2704-HV. Contact **Patti Boothe** at 373-5637 or **Steve Boothe** at 376-6812. 1/28

8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Leaves Hanford bus lot at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 1/28

Vanpool No. 182 is seeking riders, 8x9s, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We start out at 2440 Stevens Center parking lot. Stops at 2750-E and 2704-HV. Contact **David Braun** at 376-6510. 1/21 ♦

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PLEASE MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER — It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day.

HRA — Questions about the Hanford Recreation Association should be directed to Denise Prior at 376-2258.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

YAKIMA AREA REPRESENTATIVE — Area representative is needed for Yakima. If you are interested, if your company is part of the Fluor Project Hanford team and if you have your manager's approval, e-mail Phyllis Roha.

HERO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN — The HERO Board is looking for Fluor Project Hanford team employees to fill the following vacant positions: vice president — social, treasurer (must have accounting background) and discount coordinator. If you are interested in applying and have your manager's consent, send an e-mail to Phyllis Roha.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$4.50 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). For Yakima Mercy tickets, send checks (no cash) to Flu Garza (T4-01), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74) or Ginny Wallace (S7-03).

TRI-CITY AMERICANS HOCKEY — Tri-City Americans hockey vouchers are now available! The vouchers are redeemable for tickets to any home game during the regulation season. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for youth (13 to 17 years), and \$6 for children (4 to 12 years). Children 3 and under are free. Vouchers are good through March 2002. To purchase tickets, send your checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12).

SKI BLUEWOOD — Save \$3 on lift tickets. Adult tickets are \$26, student tickets are \$22 (must present a valid A.S.B. card when exchanging the certificate for a lift ticket), child and senior tickets are \$19 (children are in first through eighth grades and seniors are 65 years and

older). Pre-schoolers receive free lift tickets at Bluewood. Lift certificates are to be redeemed at the information desk or ticket window on the mountain for a lift ticket on the day they are to be used. Certificates are not redeemable for currency and are non-refundable. These lift certificates are not valid for the end-of-season "bash." For more information, contact Tricia Poland (T5-04).

UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Cancun Mexico** — April 24 - May 1. Immerse yourself in the calm Caribbean waters and talcum sand of the peninsula's favorite beach, and surround yourself with the veritable fiesta of action at its coziest and most exclusive five-star hotel, the Fiesta Americana Cancun. \$1,139 per person double occupancy, seven nights, and round-trip airfare from Seattle including all air and hotel taxes. Side trips to visit ancient Mayan ruins, Isla Mujeres for a buffet and stage show or Xcaret, Xel-Ha and Cozumel for snorkeling. Shop at the traditional straw market where you can haggle with the vendors or at the first-class malls called Plaza Caracol and Plaza Kukulcan. Visit **www.gocan.cun.com** to view Cancun. \$200 deposit is due as soon as possible. E-mail Phyllis Roha.

• **Cruise the Pacific Northwest Memorial Day Weekend** — A cruise on the spectacular Radiance of the Seas from the Royal Caribbean Line will take you from Seattle to Vancouver (Canada), then to Victoria and return to Seattle. Boards in Seattle on Friday afternoon, May 24, and arrives back in Seattle Monday, May 27, around 8 a.m. Rates start at around \$356 per person, based on double occupancy, plus \$89 port charge and \$22 tax. Deposits of \$150 are due seven days after cabin confirmation with final payment due April 5. E-mail Linda Meigs for details and to reserve your space!

• **Branson Musical Getaway** — May 27-31. Join HERO to visit Branson, Mo., for five fun-filled days. Collette's tour highlights one of the most popular destinations for music lovers everywhere. The price is \$1,062 per person, which includes round-trip airfare from Seattle, all meals and entertainment listed on the itinerary, and round-trip airport and hotel transfers. A \$120 per person deposit is due and major credit cards are accepted, so reserve your spot today. Contact Sheila Kirk for more information and for a complete itinerary.

• **Sights and Sounds of Ireland** — 14 days beginning Oct 19. The tour includes stops at Shannon, Connemara's marble factory, Belleek China factory,

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Giant's Causeway, Down Cathedral, Dublin and the Waterford Crystal factory and showrooms. Price of \$2,095 pp includes accommodations in superior first class hotels and private homes (B&B accommodations), 12 full Irish breakfasts, one lunch at Rathbaun Farm and nine dinners including an Irish Ceili. Hotel taxes, service charges, tips for baggage handling and all local taxes are included. Passports are required. \$250 is due to hold your space. The balance will be due in August. E-mail Marvene McChesney for complete itinerary.

- **Spring Trip to Oregon Coast** — April 26 – 28. Join HERO this spring at Lincoln City, Ore. Package includes round-trip bus ride and two nights accommodations at the Shilo Inn (located right on the beach). Rates are \$180 ppdo. Depart Friday April 26 from the Federal Building parking lot at 8 a.m. and arrive in Lincoln City in the afternoon. The bus will be available to go to Seaside, Ore., on Saturday morning, April 27. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due as soon as possible to hold your space. E-mail Tricia Poland for detailed information.

- **3-Day San Juan Island Getaway** — June 7 (a Hanford Friday off) to June 9. Travel by tour coach from Tri-Cities to the San Juan Islands (via a ferry ride from Anacortes, Wash., to the island of San Juan), where we will stay at the Inn at Friday Harbor. We will go on a four-hour whale watching trip aboard San Juan Excursion's 64-ft. boat on

Saturday. See the shops and galleries in Friday Harbor, investigate the museums, explore the San Juan Island National Historic Park. We have reserved one-bedroom suites with one bathroom and two queen beds (one bed in a bedroom, the other in a dayroom). The price is \$350 per person based on double occupancy and includes round-trip tour coach transportation from the Tri-Cities, two nights lodging and the whale-watching tour. The cost for the third and fourth person in each suite will be \$200 each. To hold your space, a deposit of \$90/person is due by Feb. 11 with final payment due May 17. A minimum of 30 passengers is required. For more information and to make your reservations, contact Linda Meigs.

- **Coeur d'Alene Weekend** — June 21-23. Ready to relax? Then join HERO this summer for a weekend of golfing, shopping, cruising and pampering yourself at Coeur d'Alene's European-style spa. Package includes round-trip bus ride, two nights accommodations at the resort, and a 90-minute cruise around the lake. Rates start at \$184 per person. Play golf on a world-class golf course for \$110 plus tax. Depart Friday morning (June 21) from the Federal Building parking lot and arrive in Coeur d'Alene around noon. The bus will be available to go to Spokane Saturday morning (June 22). A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due as soon as possible to hold your space. E-mail Phyllis Roha for detailed information. ♦